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TITLE OF INVENTION: AUTOMATIC PROVISIONING OF SERVICES BASED ON A HIGH LEVEL DESCRIPTION AND AN INFRASTRUCTURE  
DESCRIPTION

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## Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 852 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 852 day(s).

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**Notice of Allowability****Application No.**

10/776,297

**Applicant(s)**

EILAM ET AL.

**Examiner**

Vivek Krishnan

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 7/24/2009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,4-6 and 8-25.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:  
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.  
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

/N. K./  
Examiner, Art Unit 2445

/VIVEK SRIVASTAVA/  
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2445

### DETAILED ACTION

Applicant's Request for Continued Examination filed on July 24, 2009 has been entered with amended Claims 1 and 21. Claims 1-2, 4-6, and 8-25 are allowed.

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Michael Buchenhorner (Reg. No. 33,162) on October 8, 2009.

Claims: Replace currently amended Claims 1 and 25 with the following:

1. (Currently amended) A method for generating a Concrete Model of a computing utility comprising the steps of:

receiving, by a computer system, as input an infrastructure-independent Service Environment Model of a service environment, said Service Environment Model describing a set of requirements for an initial desired state of said service environment;

receiving, by a computer system, as input an Infrastructure Model describing both hardware and software resources and an organization of said resources in the computing utility infrastructure, said Infrastructure Model representing knowledge encapsulated in a knowledge subsystem, wherein said knowledge subsystem comprises a set of objects used to represent

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resource instances and relationships, configure resources and relationships, query their state, and query their configuration capabilities and constraints; and

generating, by a computer system, provisioning actions to reach a state that satisfies the set of requirements specified in the Service Environment Model, wherein the generating step comprises steps of:

merging, by a computer system, the Service Environment Model with the Infrastructure Model to generate the Concrete Model, said Concrete Model describing a structure to implement on the computing utility infrastructure in order to reach the desired state as expressed in the Service Environment Model and being mappable to said knowledge subsystem, said generating comprising steps of:

executing, by a computer system, a plurality of refinement steps, each refinement step comprising:

selecting a node;

wherein nodes represent resources and requirements on a state of the resources;

and

wherein edges represent relationships between the resources; and

replacing the selected node with a sub graph structure to obtain an intermediary model which is an input to a subsequent refinement step;

iteratively refining the intermediary models produced by each replacing step by repeating the steps of selecting and replacing until a resulting intermediary model is determined to be mappable to the knowledge subsystem, wherein the resulting

intermediary model is determined to be mappable when every node in the resulting intermediary model that represents a resource is mappable to the knowledge subsystem;  
halting the refining when no further refinements can be made; and  
mapping the resulting intermediary model to the knowledge subsystem.

21. (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising a computer system for generating a Concrete Model, said Concrete Model describing a structure of resources implementable over a computing utility infrastructure, and satisfying a set of service requirements, said means for generating comprising the steps of:

obtaining a Service Environment Model of a service environment, said Service Environment Model describing a desired state of said service environment;

obtaining an Infrastructure Model describing both hardware and software resources and an organization of the resources in the computing utility infrastructure, said Infrastructure Model representing knowledge is encapsulated in a knowledge subsystem, wherein said knowledge subsystem comprises a set of objects used to represent resource instances and relationships,

configure resources and relationships, query their state, and query their configuration capabilities and constraints; and

generating provisioning actions to reach a state that satisfies the set of requirements specified in the Service Environment Model, wherein the generating step comprises steps of:

merging the Service Environment Model with the Infrastructure Model to generate a Concrete Model describing a resource structure such that said Concrete Model refines the

Service Environment Model and is mappable to said knowledge subsystem, said generating comprising steps of:

executing a plurality of refinement steps, each refinement step comprising:

selecting a node;

wherein nodes represent resources and requirements on a state of the resources;

and

wherein edges represent relationships between the resources; and

replacing the selected node with a sub graph structure to obtain an intermediary model which is an input to a subsequent refinement step;

iteratively refining the intermediary models produced by each replacing step by repeating the steps of selecting and replacing until a resulting intermediary model is determined to be mappable to the knowledge subsystem, wherein the resulting intermediary model is determined to be mappable when every node in the resulting intermediary model that represents a resource is mappable to the knowledge subsystem;

halting the refining when no further refinements can be made; and

mapping the resulting intermediary model to the knowledge subsystem.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art fails to teach, suggest, or render obvious either alone or in combination all of the claimed limitations.



Specifically, the prior art fails to teach or suggest the steps of merging, by a computer system, the Service Environment Model with the Infrastructure Model to generate the Concrete Model, said Concrete Model describing a structure to implement on the computing utility infrastructure in order to reach the desired state as expressed in the Service Environment Model and being mappable to said knowledge subsystem, said generating comprising steps of: executing, by a computer system, a plurality of refinement steps, each refinement step comprising: selecting a node; wherein nodes represent resources and requirements on a state of the resources; and wherein edges represent relationships between the resources; and replacing the selected node with a sub graph structure to obtain an intermediary model which is an input to a subsequent refinement step; iteratively refining the intermediary models produced by each replacing step by repeating the steps of selecting and replacing until a resulting intermediary model is determined to be mappable to the knowledge subsystem, wherein the resulting intermediary model is determined to be mappable when every node in the resulting intermediary model that represents a resource is mappable to the knowledge subsystem; halting the refining when no further refinements can be made; and mapping the resulting intermediary model to the knowledge subsystem.

Therefore, Claims 1-2, 4-6, and 8-25 have been deemed allowable over the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vivek Krishnan whose telephone number is (571) 270-5009. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vivek Srivastava can be reached on (571) 272-7304. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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